

## St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge, Co. Kildare

### First Holy Communion, 2020

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are well and coping with the difficult situation that has visited us over the past number of weeks. All the indications are pointing to the fact, that despite the lifting of some restrictions on the 5<sup>th</sup> May, schools will probably not open in the near future and that due to health and safety concerns, large gatherings of people will not be allowed to take place for quite some time.

With this in mind and conscious of families having to plan their schedule over the coming weeks, I regretfully inform you that we will have to postpone our First Holy Communion this May. This is extremely disappointing for the children, their families, the school communities and those of us on the Parish Team. I know these celebrations are occasions that we were all looking forward to and are always very special in the life of our parish.

My hope is that we will be able to celebrate the First Holy Communion Ceremonies in the Autumn, however, this will depend on advice from the Government and Health authorities.

It has been a great privilege to journey with the children and their families over the past number of months in our Parish Preparation Programme. On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, during 11am Mass, broadcast via webcam ([www.newbridgeparish.ie](http://www.newbridgeparish.ie)), we invite you to join us as we will extend a special blessing to all the First Communion children and their families during this difficult time.

With every good wish and blessing,

Fr. Paul Dempsey P.P.

